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to those reports. A like reference to similar notes in other places would have increased the usefulness of the book still more, and it is believed might have been included without any considerable increase of expense nor any undue advertising for competitors of the publisher. J. R. R.

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CREAM OF THE LAW. The best things from the best cases, edited by Emerson E. Ballard, formerly editor of "Ballard's Law of Real Property." Crawfordsville, Indiana: Cream of the Law Company, Vol. 1, pp. 695; Vol. 2, pp. 854; 1905, to date; Vol. 3, Advance Sheets, pp. 160.

In the above entitled serial publication, the editor proposes to issue in quarterly numbers, what he considers the gist of current decisions rendered in the highest courts of all the states, whenever such decisions involve some new proposition, a novel application of a well established principle or a new statutory construction of general value. The plan, as outlined, is to present an accurate statement of the precise question decided in a selected case, followed by the quotation of important passages from the decision, together with authorities cited. Collateral citations of the case under consideration are given, thus enabling the lawyer to readily refer to the National Reporter System or the several series of selected and annotated reports where such case may be found.

An index in each number relieves the user from following a scheme of classification, and cross references are freely used. This index is cumulative for each volume only. Were it cumulative from volume one to date it would make readily available all the material contained in all the volumes by referring to the last index only, which will come to be a decided advantage when the series shall have grown to many volumes. A valuable feature of the index is its reference to articles in leading law periodicals. Many of these are the work of specialists who have devoted much time to careful research along a chosen line, and which are unknown to readers who have not access to the law periodicals. Such references are to be found monthly in *Case and Comment*, and in Vols. 15 and 18 of the *Harvard Law Review*, and they have helped to fill the place of a supplement to *Jones' Index to Legal Periodicals*. It is therefore gratifying to many to know that Mr. Ballard is making this one feature of his work and the arrangement of references to *Cream of the Law*, to notes in the *American State Reports*, *Lawyers' Reports Annotated*, *Am. and Eng. Annotated Cases* and to law journals under one alphabet should greatly facilitate the labors of the brief maker.

A publication of this kind is of course subject to the criticism that cases selected as valuable by one may be rejected as of little worth by another, and, while there is a most excellent purpose in view, the real appreciation of such a work can only be expressed after several years' use have tested it and it has not been found wanting. G. E. W.

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